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Ambassador raised reftel discussion on problems with Serbia's plan to invoke the OSCE's Berlin Mechanism with Prime Minister Sali Berisha in a previously scheduled meeting on a range of topics. As expected, Berisha indicated Albania fully agreed with the USG position. WITHERS